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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial No. : 09/386,824

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Title **VOICE CODING METHOD, VOICE CODING  
APPARATUS, AND VOICE DECODING  
APPARATUS**

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicant requests that the time for taking action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for:

( ) one month (X) three months  
( ) two months ( ) four months

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17 for the extension of time is \$930.

( ) Fee enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for this extension of time to Deposit Account No. 50-1290. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

(xx) Charge fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1290. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

( ) Applicant is a small entity entitled to pay reduced fees in this application.

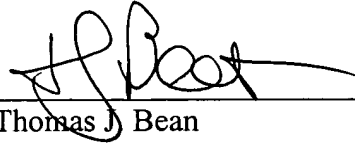
A verified small entity statement:

( ) has been filed ( ) is enclosed.

Also enclosed is a:

( X) Response ( ) Notice of Appeal ( ) Appeal Brief  
(X) Continued Prosecution Application (CPA)

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TJ Bean', is written over a horizontal line.

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